

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: GOVERNOR'S STAFF  
FROM: HOWARD  
DATE: 3/7/99  
SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE AGENDA ITEMS

**DEADLINE FOR COMMITTEE ACTION ON BILLS  
ORIGINATING IN OWN HOUSE IS  
TODAY**

**STATE OF THE STATE AREAS WHERE NO FULL COMMITTEE ACTION HAS TAKEN PLACE:**

**TEACHER PAY RAISE  
APPOINTED SUPERINTENDENTS  
PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**

**MS HOME CORP**

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| <b>HB 1</b> – (Horne)     | Mississippi Home Corporation; repeal laws relating to and transfer powers and duties to DECD<br>1/12 (H) Referred to Ways and Means   |
| <b>HB 2</b> – (Horne)     | Mississippi Home Corporation; subject to state administrative regulations and require Bond Commission approval before issuing bonds<br>1/12 (H) Referred to Ways and Means                          |
| <b>HB 170</b> – (Horne)   | Mississippi Home Corporation; require compliance with state fiscal, purchasing, budget and personnel laws<br>1/12 (H) Referred to Ways and Means  |
| <b>HB 603</b> – (Morris)  | Mississippi Home Corporation; increase the amount of bonds the corporation may issue and revise conflict of interest requirements<br>1/27 (H) Referred to Ways and Means                            |
| <b>HB 594</b> – (Horne)   | Mississippi Home Corporation; provide repeal date on bonding authority<br>1/27 (H) Referred to Ways and Means   |
| <b>HB 1384</b> – (Morris) | Mississippi Home Corporation; reconstitute membership, increase bond authority and revise conflict of interest requirements<br>2/21 (H) Referred to Ways and Means<br><b><u>2/29 (H) TSDPCS</u></b> |
| <b>SB 3008</b> – (Minor)  | Mississippi Home Corporation; reconstitute membership and increase the amount of bonds that it may issue<br>2/21 (S) Referred to Finance  |

## TAX REFORM

- HB 636** – (Clark) Taxation; create task force to study  
2/01 (H) Referred to Ways and Means; Rules
- SC 560** – (Horhn) Interim joint study committee; create to study Mississippi's tax code  
2/21 (S) Referred to Rules
- SC 518** - (Harden) Taxation; joint committee to study state tax system  
1/14 (S) Referred to Rules

## WORKFORCE TRAINING

- HB 31** – (Young) Universities and community colleges; authorize courses positively impacting state's economy  
1/12 (H) Referred to Universities & Colleges; **2/23 (H) TSDP**
- HB 1483** – (Frierson) Workforce training; transfer certain programs from SDE to community college board  
2/21 (H) Referred to Education; Appropriations
- SB 3186** – (Burton) Mississippi Comprehensive Workforce Training and Education Consolidation Act of 2000; enact  
2/21 (S) Referred to Economic Dev., Tourism & Parks; Appropriations

## TEACHER PAY RAISE

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| <b>HB 618</b> – (Moak)      | Teachers' salaries; increase to Southeastern average<br>1/27 (H) Referred to Education; Appropriations  |
| <b>HB 1411</b> – (Scott 80) | Schools; increase salaries of teachers and assistant teachers<br>2/21 (H) Referred to Education; Appropriations   |
| <b>SB 2714</b> – (Harden)   | Teachers and assistant teachers; increase salaries over 4-year plan<br>2/11 (S) Referred to Education; Appropriations   |
| <b>SB 2711</b> – (Farris)   | Teachers and assistant teachers; increase salaries over 4-year waiting period to estimated Southeastern average<br>2/11 (S) Referred to Education; Appropriations |

## 85 % RULE

- HB 55** – (Ishee) Sentencing; revise 85% rule to apply only to violent offenders  
1/12 (H) Referred to Judiciary B  
**3/2 (H) TSDPCS**
- HB 519** – (Guice) Mississippi Department of Corrections; revise mandatory 85% sentencing provision for certain persons  
1/25 (H) Referred to Penitentiary
- HB 499** – (Watson) Corrections; revise 85% mandatory sentencing by excluding nonviolent crimes  
1/20 Referred to Penitentiary; **2/24 (H) TSDPCS**
- SB 2800** – (Jackson) Corrections; exclude nonviolent offenders from mandatory 85% sentence  
2/16 (S) Referred to Judiciary

## STATE FLAG

- HB 123** – (Blackmon) State flag; revise design to include magnolia  
1/12 (H) Referred to Appropriations
- HB 676** – (Clark) State flag; establish commission to create a new  
2/01 (H) Referred to Appropriations
- HB 1233** – (Banks) State flag; revise design to comply with appearance of the magnolia flag  
2/21 (H) Referred to Appropriations
- SB 2915** – (Jackson) State flag; provide for nonbonding referendum on  
2/21 (S) Referred to Elections

## STATE EMPLOYEES

- HB 221** – (Moak) State employees; increase salaries of  
1/12 (H) Referred to Fees and Salaries; Appropriations
- HB 1458** – (Reeves) State employees; increase compensation and revise children's health insurance and PERS provisions  
2/21 (H) Referred to Fees and Salaries; Appropriation

## TEACHER SHORTAGE

- HB 294** – (McCoy) Critical Teacher Shortage Act; clarify eligibility of teachers already in areas to participate in Masters Scholarship Programs  
1/12 Referred to Education; Appropriations; **2/23 (H) DR- TSDP; ED to AP;**  
**3/2 (H) TSDP**
- HB 691** – (Ketchings) Critical teacher shortage programs; authorize teachers to serve in approved nonpublic schools  
2/1 (H) Referred to Education; Appropriations
- SB 2489** – (Harden) Critical teacher shortage area master's degree program; include teachers currently employed in school district  
2/1 (S) Referred to Education; Appropriations  
**3/2 (S) DR-TSDP ED to AP**
- SB 2459** – (Gordon) Appropriations; Critical Needs Teacher Scholarship Program; Addl. FY2000  
**2/8 Approved by the Governor**
- SB 2188** – (Harden) Critical teacher shortage area master's degree program; include teachers currently employed in school district  
1/13 (S) Referred to Education; Appropriations; **3/3 (S) DR – TSDP Ed to AP**

## STATE AGENCIES

- HB 361** – (Clark) State agencies; must use appropriations for new positions and salary increases in accordance with legislative direction  
1/12 (H) Referred to Appropriations

## **HOSPITAL CON – HINDS**

- HB 459** – (Denny) Hospital; CON to certain hospital in Hinds County for relocation of beds and construction of facilities  
1/20 (H) Referred to Public Health and Welfare; Appropriations
- HB 529** –  
(Robinson 63<sup>rd</sup>) Hospital; CON to certain hospital in Hinds County for relocation of beds and construction of facilities  
1/25 (H) Referred to Public Health and Welfare; Appropriations
- SB 2367** – (Huggins) Health facilities; direct the issuance of a certificate of need to a certain hospital  
1/9 (S) Referred to Public Health & Welfare; Appropriations  
**2/9 (S) DR – TSDPCS; PH to AP; 2/29 (S) TSDPCS**

## **ELECTIONS – GOVERNOR**

- HB 532** – (Stringer) Statewide elected officials; person receiving highest number of votes elected  
1/25 (H) Referred to Apportionment and Elections
- HC 5** – (Denny) Amend Constitution; Governor elected by majority of popular votes; abolish electoral votes  
1/12 (H) Referred to Constitution
- HC 6** – (Flaggs) Amend Constitution; abolish requirement that Governor be elected by majority of popular and electoral votes  
1/12 (H) Referred to Constitution
- HC 28** – (Stringer) Amend Constitution; abolish electoral vote for Governor and state officials  
1/27 (H) Referred to Constitution
- HC 29** – (Frierson) Amend Constitution; abolish requirement that Governor be elected by majority of popular and electoral votes  
1/27 (H) Referred to Constitution
- HC 64** – (Snowden) Amend Constitution; Governor elected by majority of popular vote; require runoff if no majority; abolish electoral vote  
2/18 (H) Referred to Constitution
- HC 65** – (Reynolds) Amend Constitution; Governor to be elected upon majority vote at general election  
2/18 (H) Referred to Constitution
- SC 556** - (Tollison) Amend Constitution; abolish electoral vote for Governor and state officials  
2/18 (S) Referred to Constitution  
**3/2 (S) TSDPCS**
- SC 541** – (Ross) Amend Constitution; Governor elected by majority of popular vote; require runoff if no majority; abolish electoral vote  
2/08 (S) Referred to Constitution
- SC 538** - (Scoper) Amend Constitution; Governor elected by majority of popular vote; require runoff if no majority; abolish electoral vote  
2/08 (S) Referred to Constitution
- SC 530** – (Farris) Amend Constitution; Governor elected by majority of popular votes; abolish electoral votes  
1/21 (S) Referred to Constitution

## CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

<b>HB 506</b> – (Watson)	Controlled substances; include precursors in enhancement provision 1/25 (H) Referred to Judiciary A <b><u>3/1 (H) TSDP</u></b>
<b>HB 642</b> – (Moody)	Controlled substances; revise Schedules II, III and IV 2/25 (H) Referred to Judiciary
<b>HB 706</b> – (Formby)	Controlled substances; felony to bring into state, county or municipal facility 2/1 (H) Referred to Judiciary A
<b>SB 2442</b> – (Tollison)	Controlled substances; enhance penalty for methamphetamine precursor violation when in possession of a weapon 1/26 (S) Referred to Judiciary; <b><u>2/22 (S) TSDP</u></b>
<b>SB 2421</b> – (Huggins)	Controlled substances; revise Schedules II, III and IV 1/25 (S) Referred to Judiciary

## POULTRY

<b>HB 718</b> – (Malone)	Mississippi Poultry Production Contract Fair Practices Act; create 2/09 (H) Referred to Agriculture
<b>HB 1414</b> – (Moore 60 <sup>th</sup> )	Mississippi Poultry Industry Advisory Board; create 2/21 (H) Referred to Agriculture
<b>HB 1444</b> – (Miles)	Mississippi Poultry Best Practices Act; create 2/21 (H) Referred to Agriculture
<b>HB 1445</b> – (Shows)	Mississippi Poultry Production Contract Fair Practices Act; create 2/21 (H) Referred to Agriculture
<b>SB 2807</b> – (Williamson)	Agriculture; enact Poultry Production Fair Practices Act 2/16 (S) Referred to Agriculture

## CAPITAL POST CONVICTION COUNSEL

<b>HB 726</b> – (Watson)	Office of Capital Post-Conviction Counsel; create 2/09 (H) Referred to Judiciary B; Appropriations
<b>HB 1228</b> – (Watson)	Office of Capital Post-Conviction Counsel; create 2/21 (H) Referred to Judiciary A; Appropriations <b><u>3/1 (H) DR – TSDPCS; JA to AP</u></b>
<b>HB 1378</b> – (Moore 100 <sup>th</sup> )	Mississippi Office of Capital Post-Conviction Counsel; establish 2/21 (H) Referred to Judiciary A; Appropriations
<b>SB 2537</b> – (Gordon)	Capital Post-Conviction Counsel; create office of 2/3 (S) Referred to Judiciary; Appropriations; 2/17 (S) DR – TSDP; JU to AP; 2/17 (S) TSDP; 2/18 (S) Passed; 2/21 (S) Motion to Reconsider Entered; 3/2 Motion Tabled; <b><u>3/2 Sent to the House</u></b>

## **SUPERINTENDENTS – APPOINT, SCHOOL BOARDS – ELECT**

<b>HB 750</b> – (Chism)	Schools boards; elect all 2/9 (H) Referred to Education; Apportionment and Elections
<b>HB 751</b> – (Chism)	School districts; provide for elected trustees and appointed superintendents 2/9 (H) Referred to Education; Apportionment and Elections
<b>HB 1502</b> – (Huddleston)	School districts; provide for elected trustees and appointed superintendents 2/21 (H) Referred to Education; Apportionment and Elections
<b>SB 2850</b> - (Johnson 38 <sup>th</sup> )	School board elections; elect members in all school districts 2/18 (S) Referred to Education
<b>SB 2851</b> - (Johnson 38 <sup>th</sup> )	School superintendents; appoint all superintendents after 1/1/2004 2/18 (S) Referred to Education
<b>SB 2277</b> – (Harden)	School superintendents; appoint all superintendents after 1/1/2004 1/14 (S) Referred to Education
<b>SB 2149</b> – (Nunnelee)	School superintendents; appoint all superintendents after 1/1/2004 1/13 (S) Referred to Education
<b>SB 2067</b> – (Simmons)	School boards; elect members in all school districts; appoint all school superintendents 1/13 (S) Referred to Education

## **PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**

<b>HB 877</b> – (Flaggs)	Prescription drugs; create task force to determine how to make more affordable for state residents 2/09 (H) Referred to Public Health and Welfare
<b>SB 3065</b> – (Mettetal)	Prescription drugs; create task force to determine how to make more affordable for state residents 2/21 (S) Referred to Public Health and Welfare; Appropriations
<b>SB 2527</b> – (Smith)	Discount prescription rates for veterans; require for pharmacists participating in Medicaid program 2/2 (S) Referred to Public Health & Welfare; Appropriations

## **DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

<b>HB 980</b> – (Evans)	Mississippi Department of Labor; establish and create elected position of Commissioner of Labor 2/14 (H) Referred to Labor; Appropriations
<b>HB 1438</b> – (Evans)	Mississippi Department of Labor; establish and create elected position of Commissioner of Labor 2/21 (H) Referred to Labor; Appropriations
<b>SB 2935</b> – (Harden)	Mississippi Department of Labor; establish and create elected position of Commissioner of Labor 2/21 (S) Referred to Labor; Appropriations
<b>SB 2668</b> - (Johnson 38 <sup>th</sup> )	Labor; establish a MS Department of Labor-Management Relations 2/9 (S) Referred to Labor; Appropriations; <b><u>2/22 (S) DR – TSDP; LA to AP</u></b>

## **SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS**

- HB 1417** – Appropriation; State Department of Education for Support Our Students (S.O.S.)  
(Scott 80<sup>th</sup>) program  
2/21 (H) Referred to Appropriations
- SB 3206** – Appropriation; DOE – Support Our Students Program from block grant funds FY  
(Blackmon) 2001  
2/24 (S) Referred to Appropriations

## **CHIP**

- HB 1469** – (Holland) Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP); reduce eligibility waiting period and  
conduct outreach campaign  
2/21 Referred to Public Health and Welfare; Appropriations  
**3/2 (S) DR – TSDPCS – PH to AP**

## **PUBLIC DEFENDER**

- HB 1103** - Public defender; create state system  
(Fillingane) 2/21 (H) Referred to Judiciary B; Appropriations
- HB 1375** – Public Defender Act; revise  
(Blackmon) 2/21 (H) Referred to Judiciary B; Appropriations
- HB 1376** - Capital cases; provide statewide defense at all levels for indigent  
(Blackmon) 2/21 (H) Referred to Judiciary B; Appropriations
- HB 1448** – (Watson) Statewide Public Defender System; revise  
2/21 (S) Referred to Judiciary B; Appropriations
- SB 3128** – (Smith) Public defenders; fully implement statewide system  
2/21 (S) Referred to Judiciary; Appropriations
- SB 3098** – (Farris) Public defenders; create task force to study and report  
2/21 (S) Referred to Judiciary; Appropriations
- SB 2649** – (Gordon) Statewide Public Defender System; revise  
2/8 (S) Referred to Judiciary; Appropriations

## **COMPUTER BILL**

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| <p><b>HB 1486</b> – (Warren) School Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund; cap at FY 2000 appropriated levels with<br/>excess going to Education Enhancement Fund<br/>2/21 Referred to Education; Ways and Means</p> <p><b>SB 2423</b> – (Chaney) School Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund; cap at FY 2000 appropriated levels with<br/>excess going to Education Enhancement Fund<br/>1/25 (S) Referred to Finance; <b><u>2/10 (S) TSDPCS</u></b></p> |
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### **THREE PHASE BUILDING**

- HB 1305** – (Brown) Public property; require DFA to prepare five-year capital improvements plan, require certain projects to be funded in three phases  
2/21 (H) Referred to Public Buildings, Grounds and Lands
- SB 3161** – (Jackson) Capital improvement projects; fund in three phases, define “program management services”  
2/21 (S) Referred to Public Property; Finance; **3/3 (H) DR – TSDP – PP to FI**

### **GOVERNOR**

- HB 1312** – (Holland) Governor’s spouse; establish salary for  
2/21 (H) Referred to Fees and Salaries

### **HEALTH CARE**

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| <p><b>HB 729</b> – (Frierson) Physicians; create medical education scholarships at UMMC to practice family medicine in rural areas<br/>2/9 (H) Referred to Universities &amp; Colleges; Appropriations<br/>2/23 (H) DR – TSDPAA; UC to AP; <b><u>3/2 (H) DR – TSDPCS; AP to UC</u></b></p> |
| <p><b>SC 539</b> – (Scoper) Joint Committee to Study the Establishment of Out-Patient Clinics in Underserved Rural Areas of the state; create<br/>2/8 (S) Referred to Rules</p>  |
| <p><b>SB 3110</b> – (Huggins) Rural hospital facilities and equipment program; transfer proceeds from the tobacco expendable fund on an annual basis<br/>2/21 (S) Referred to Public Health and Welfare; Appropriations</p>  |
| <p><b>HB 846</b> – (Moody) Physician assistants; provide for licensure and regulation of<br/>2/9 (H) Referred to Public Health and Welfare; <b>2/22 (H) TSDPAA;</b><br/><b>3/1 (H) Amended; 3/1 (H) Passed as Amended; <u>3/3 (H) Sent to Senate</u></b></p>                               |

### **REPAIR AND RENOVATION**

- SB 3193** – (Gordon) Bonds; issue for repair and renovation of state-owned buildings  
2/23 (S) Referred to Appropriations
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| <p><b>SB 2832</b> – (Gordon) DFA, FY 2000 appropriation; expend authorized projects<br/>2/17 (S) Referred to Appropriations</p> |
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### **HOCKEY ARENA**

- HB 1291** – (Peranich) Public property; authorize ground lease of certain fairgrounds property for construction of multipurpose sports arena  
2/21 Referred to Public Buildings, Grounds and Lands  
**2/29 (H) TSDPCS; 3/3 (H) Comm. Sub. Adopted; Passed; 3/3 Sent to Senate**

**SB 3169** – (Horhn) State Fair Commission; authorize to lease state property for construction of sports arena  
2/21 Referred to Public Property/Finance; **2/28 DR – PP to FI – TSDPCS**  
**2/29 (S) TSDPCS; 3/1 Com. Sub. Adopted; 3/1 (S) Passed**  
**3/1 (S) Transmitted to House; 3/2 (H) Referred to Public Buildings, Grounds and Lands**

### **RESPECT IN SCHOOLS**

<b>HB 581</b> – (Woods)	Public school students; require use of appropriate titles of respect with school employees 1/27 (H) Referred to Education <b><u>3/2 (H) TSDPCS</u></b>
<b>SB 3115</b> – (Jordan)	Public school students; require use of appropriate titles of respect with school employees 2/21 (H) Referred to Education